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CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

The public debt statement, issued July 1, shows the increase of the debt for June to be \$24,788. Cash in the Treasury, \$353,152; 5771 gold certificates, \$15,413,700; silver certificates, \$2,466,500; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$30,500,000; refunding certificates, \$12,848,210; fractional currency outstanding, \$340,742,486; United States notes held for the redemption of fractional currency, \$8,375,994; called bonds not matured, for which 4-per-cent. bonds have been issued, \$104,072,410. The decrease for the fiscal year is \$8,979,573.

The following are the members of the Missouri River Commission, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate: Lieut. Col. A. Gilmore, Major Cyrus B. Constock, Major Charles R. Suter, U. S. Engineer Corps; Henry Mitchell, Coast Survey, U. S. Navy; J. M. Smith, U. S. Army; Morgan Harrod of Louisiana, civil engineer; George E. Dietrich, surveyor; Benjamin Harrison of Indiana.

James Johnson died on the 1st. All of the property of this estate was paid in some shape, with the exception of that for the pay of U. S. Marshals and their deputies, the last bill voted by the President.

Members of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, who were called to distribute themselves as follows for the prosecution of inquiries, authorized by the Senate, in the Spofford-Kellogg case and in the investigation during the Congressional recess. The Kansas Sub-Committee will consist of Senators Salisbury, Logan, Vance, Cameron of Wisconsin and Bayley. They will commence their labors in Kansas during the latter part of September.

The Louisiana Sub-Committee will be composed of Senators Hill of Georgia and Houston as its Democratic members, and either Cameron of Wisconsin or Logan of Missouri as its Republican members. Senator Hoar's engagement making it impossible for him to serve. The Louisiana investigation will not be resumed until about the 20th of November, when the Sub-Committee are to start for New Orleans.

The President and family, together with several members of the Cabinet and their families, took a Fourth-of-July excursion on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Fort Monroe, this trip occupying several days.

John A. Hunter of Missouri has received the appointment of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah.

During the session of Congress just terminated, 727 bills and 46 joint resolutions were introduced in the Senate, and 2,330 bills and 119 joint resolutions in the House.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

At a conference meeting of members of the National Board of Health, members of the Mississippi Valley Sanitary Council, and representatives of the railroad and river interests, held at Memphis on the 23d, rules and regulations presented by the National Board of Health, as applied to railroads and steamboats, were approved. The recommendation of the Mississippi Valley Sanitary Council, that stations of inspection be established every summer on the Mississippi River at Vicksburg, Memphis and Cairo, was endorsed. The Tennessee State Board of Health has adopted by laws containing the following section: "Upon satisfactory information of the approach of transit of cholera, or of any other epidemic disease, or of any other contagious disease, it shall be the duty of the President to cause the same to be stopped at the State line, or if found within the limits of the State, to cause said persons or goods to be removed from cars, boats and other lines of transit and securely isolated."

John Crocker, Wm. Perry, and D. O'Donohue, three miners, were suffocated by a fire in the Yellow Jacket mine at Virginia, Nev., on the 1st inst. The damage to the mine was small.

A large delegation of Arkansas editors on the 1st started upon an excursion Northward, taking in St. Louis, Chicago, and other points en route. They were very pleasantly entertained at both the cities mentioned.

A disastrous tornado passed over portions of Dakota Territory, Northern Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin on the night of the 29th inst. At Elk Horn, D. T., a number of buildings were blown down and several persons badly injured. At Vasa, Goodhue County, Minn., seven persons were killed and thirty injured by lightning and falling buildings; other towns in that section also suffered severely, and crops were badly injured by rain and hail.

The wife of Emanuel Berger, a prosperous farmer of Brown Township, Kent County, Mich., who had been for some time afflicted with a mild form of insanity, but was not considered dangerous, on the 23d killed her two children and then turned her attention to her revolver, which she had obtained without the knowledge of her husband, while he was out working in the cornfield. Upon his return to the house he found them dead.

Lieut. S. H. Soder, Seventh Infantry, committed suicide at Fort Benton on the 5th. He shot himself in the head while sitting in his tent. Soder's parents reside in Jersey City. He had shot his way through the Indians, but was unfortunately shot in the head.

The Iowa Prohibitionists will hold a State Convention at Grand Rapids on the 16th, to elect delegates to the National Convention.

The Simple & Birge Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, hardware dealers and manufacturers, suspended payment on the 5th. The liabilities are estimated at \$100,000. The company has extensive interests in Ohio and Pennsylvania; assets not stated.

Prof. S. W. Colgrove, accompanied by a lady, Miss Emma Allison of the New York City, was shot and killed on the 5th. The balloon came down in the bay, on account of a rent in the bag, and the occupants were dragged nearly two miles through water in terrible speed, but finally thrown out upon the shore, badly bruised, but not seriously injured.

James P. Rogers, of St. Louis, on the 5th shot and fatally wounded a 9-months-old baby, while he was sitting in his cradle. He did not know it was loaded.

James H. Craft and Charles G. Wooroth, arrested at Alamogosa, Col., for the murder of Wm. Lyock in New Mexico, were taken from jail at midnight on the 5th by 100 men, and hanged to a cottonwood tree. They confessed.

San Cordova, a Mexican, was hanged at San Antonio, Texas, on the 7th, for the murder of Robert Trindle in July, 1877.

Gen. George C. Bingham, ex-Adjutant-General of Missouri, an artist of some local celebrity, died suddenly at his home in Kansas City on the 7th.

Capt. H. Wilkinson, well known in river circles, committed suicide at Vicksburg on the 7th, shooting himself through the right temple with a pistol. Cause, financial troubles.

A new express company, to be known as the Union, has been organized in Louisville, with Frank Guthrie, President. The company will control the express business on the Louisville and Nashville and Great Southern Roads and its branches.

EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

The Maine Democratic State Convention, held on the 1st, renominated Governor Gorton by acclamation. The political results

are of the usual character; the financial plank of the platform favors "a currency of gold and silver and paper, the present to be kept at par with coin at all times, and in favor of free, unlimited coinage of silver."

Lieut. B. M. McCanley, Thirtieth Infantry, U. S. A., committed suicide by shooting himself on the 20th ult., shooting himself through the head. Cause not stated. He leaves a wife and daughter, the latter a most beautiful and interesting young lady.

At Lake Quinebaug, near Waterbury, Mass., on the 4th, the excursion steamer Isaac Davis, loaded with passengers, and crowded, the hurricane broke off, and hundreds of passengers were thrown into the water. John Cahill and his young daughter, Lewis La Chapelle, Nellie Shacknow and three others not identified were killed, several were injured and three missing. By the breaking down of a crowded steamboat on the 4th of July, the excursion steamer Isaac Davis, on the 4th, about 75 persons were thrown into the river. Mrs. Andrew Johnson, her 5-year-old son and a little girl, Mrs. Miller were drowned and others were injured.

Mrs. Henry Larue and her sister jumped from a moving train at Turner's, N. Y., on the Erie Railroad on the 3d. The former, a bride, instantly killed, and the latter, aged 15, was seriously injured.

Nimrod Spaltenhuber, a young German, was hanged at Lebanon, Pa., on the 3d, for the murder of John Ivion.

Newcastle, Pa., on the 4th, Miss Eliza B. Bond, young German girl, was burned to death by her dress taking fire from a burning fire-cracker while walking along the street; and at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Miss Jessie Dunbar, aged 22, met with the same fate.

The Unitarian Church at Scituate, Mass., was burned by fire-crackers on the 4th.

In New York City on the 4th, Mrs. Mary Anderson and her infant were both killed by a viva voce vote. A joint resolution was passed providing 50 days' extra pay to House members.

At Pittsburgh, former bookkeeper of the House, Dr. Edgar C. Rogers, died on the 4th, of a heart attack, principally by the passage of a customary resolution of the House, and the report of the committee on Finance, Messrs. Rogers and Rogers, who were taken up, but owing to illness, the House failed to pass the resolution.

The Senate bill granting additional bounty to the Union soldiers who served in Missouri and Arkansas, passed, 54 yeas and 40 nays.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary.

—Annie Louise Cary received \$2,400 per month for the last open season.

—Charles Dickens's last letter, dated June 8, 1870, has been presented to the British Museum.

—Mr. Robert G. Ingersoll is about to publish a third book, "The Religion of Sweden and Paganism."

—Miss Lillian Taylor, the accomplished daughter of our late Minister to Germany, has translated the play of *Masks and Faces* into German, and it has been successfully produced at Berlin.

—Mrs. Christine Nilsson has received offers from the royal theaters of Holland and Belgium to sing there in the months of December and January. She is to receive 50,000 francs for eight performances, besides all her expenses to be paid.

—The British Museum is about to acquire a well preserved Egyptian papyrus, belonging to the time of the late Ptolemy, containing nearly the whole of the thirty-fourth book of the *Iliad*. The Museum has secured another papyrus even more ancient, recently found in an Egyptian tomb, and containing a complete transcript of the eighteenth book of the *Iliad*.

—Miss Thompson (Mrs. Butler) has been requested by Queen Victoria to paint for her two battle scenes, one of them being of the field of Rorke's Drift. This is considered a great compliment in England—a concession, indeed, since it comes in the form of an amiable "request," when in other cases it has been a "command."

—Captain Rogers has always persisted in calling the sage of Menlo Park "Professor" Edison, may now be accurate, and at the same time satisfy their craving for a scientific title, by calling him Dr. Edison.

—It is said that the late G. W. M. Reynolds had made more money by his 60 or 70 cheaply sensational novels than his great Britain. His earnings from his stories have been estimated as high as \$300,000, which is an exaggeration, although that would not be much more than \$5,000 a novel; and some of his novels are reported to have brought him in \$10,000 and \$12,000 apiece.</